

Dacus (Dacus) sphaerostigma (Bezzi)

Tridacus sphaerostigma Bezzi 1924b: 457

Wing length, 4.6-5.1 mm.

Head. Pedicel+first flagellomere not longer than ptilinal suture. Face, antennal furrow without a dark spot. Frons, frontal setae 1, orbital setae 0.

Thorax. Scutum predominantly red-brown; postpronotal lobe bicoloured; notopleural callus concolorous with scutum; notopleural xanthine isolated from notopleural callus (or apparently absent); lateral postsutural vitta absent; medial present (but very hard to differentiate from rest of similarly coloured scutum).

Scutellum sometimes with a red-brown lateral margin (applies to South African specimens). Anepisternum with a broad stripe from notopleural callus to (or almost to) katepisternum; not extended onto katepisternum. Lateroterga apparently with a xanthine on the katatergite. Thoracic setae. Anterior notopleural seta present; anterior supra-alar seta present.

Wing. Basal cells bc and c without an almost complete covering of microtrichia; cell bm without microtrichia. Narrow subbasal raised section of cell br with extensive covering of microtrichia. Crossvein R-M beyond middle of cell dm.

Costal band absent (at most vein pale beyond cell sc). Anal streak variable (sometimes confined to within bcu). Cell bc hyaline; cell c slightly coloured (not as deep as costal band). Without any crossbanding.

Legs. Femora pale coloured.

Abdomen. Predominantly fulvous; shape and patterning, see image (CD-C).

Tergites I-V all fused.

Male. Tergite III with pecten, dense microtrichia adjacent end A_1+Cu_2 , and hindtibia preapical "pad". Basal costal sections without specialised setae.

Female. Aculeus pointed; no torsion.

(Description after White, 2006)